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SUBJECT: MILITARY BASE NEGOTIATIONS

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1. DURING AIRPORT CEREMONIES FOR DEPARTURE PRESIDENT MARCOS TO SINGAPORE JANUARY 27, FOREIGN SECRETARY ROMULO TOLD ME THAT PRESIDENT HAD AGREED TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S PROPOSAL THAT NEGOTIATIONS ON MILITARY BASES BEGIN IN WASHINGTON ON APRIL 12. HE SAID THAT WE COULD THEREFORE PROCEED WITH OUR PLANNING ON THAT BASIS.

2. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, I SHOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE OF PREPARATORY EVENTS:

A. DRAFT AGREEMENT (OR TREATY) WHICH I HAND CARRIED TO HABIB, ABRAMOWITZ, BARNES, STERN, ET ALS IN HONOLULU LAST WEEK BE REVIEWED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BY WASHINGTON WORKING GROUP UNDER DIRECTION OF BOB MILLER.

B. MILLER PLAN TO VISIT MANILA (AND OTHER AREAS UNDER CONFIDENTIAL

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HIS NEW COGNIZANCE) NO LATER THAN MID-MARCH. HE SHOULD BE

PREPARED SPEND AT LEAST TWO DAYS VISITING BASES AND BEING BRIEFED BY MILITARY OFFICERS AT BASES.

C. IN ACCORDANCE WITH HABIB SUGGESTION, I WILL PLAN RETURN TO WASHINGTON AT END OF MARCH IN ORDER TO HAVE APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS THERE IN PREPARATION FOR NEGOTIATIONS.

3. IT APPEARS VERY UNLIKELY THAT WE WILL RECEIVE ADVANCE COPY OF PHILIPPINE PAPER LISTING THEIR DESIDERATA. IN FACT, I HAVE SERIOUS DOUBTS THAT IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE FOR US TO SEEK SUCH A DOCUMENT, SINCE I FEEL IT WOULD VERY LIKELY MAKE EXTRAVAGANT PROPOSALS. MY DECIDED PREFERENCE IS TO HAVE U.S. TABLE A WORKING DOCUMENT IN FIRST SESSION IN ORDER BETTER TO CONTROL NEGOTIATIONS.
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